1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 7 JERELL MARSHON JACKSON, JR., 8 Plaintiff, Case No. C22-5959-JCC-SKV 9 10 v. ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED TODD E. GOODWIN, et al., MOTION TO EXTEND PRETRIAL 11 **DEADLINES** Defendants. 12 13 14 This is a civil rights action proceeding under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On December 1, 2023, this Court entered an Order establishing pretrial deadlines in this matter. Dkt. 26. On February 15 7, 2024, the parties filed a stipulated motion to extend the pretrial deadlines in which they 16 17 request that the current deadlines be extended by 60 days. Dkt. 35. The parties indicate in their motion that they have conducted a discovery conference pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)¹ and 18 have jointly determined that an extension of the pretrial deadlines "is in the interest of justice." 19 20 21 ¹ While it is laudatory that the parties have met to discuss discovery issues, the Court reminds the parties 22 that because Plaintiff is proceeding with this action without the assistance of counsel, this proceeding is exempt from the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(iv), Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(1). 23 ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION TO EXTEND PRETRIAL **DEADLINES - 1**

Id. at 1. The parties cite generally to scheduling delays, and to Plaintiff's transfer to another facility as reasons justifying the requested extension.

The record reflects that Plaintiff has been transferred between facilities twice in recent weeks (*see* Dkts. 32, 34), and the Court concurs that under these circumstances the modest extension requested by the parties is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

- (1) The parties' stipulated motion to extend pretrial deadlines (Dkt. 35) is GRANTED.
- (2) The discovery deadline in this matter is extended from March 1, 2024, to *April* 30, 2024. The dispositive motion filing deadline is extended from April 1, 2024, to *May 31*, 2024. The parties are advised that a due date for filing a Joint Pretrial Statement may be established at a later date pending the outcome of any dispositive motions.
- (3) The Clerk of Court is directed to send copies of this Order to Plaintiff, to counsel for Defendants, and to the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.

S. KATE VAUGHAN

United States Magistrate Judge